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Titles and Messages

Senate Bill No. 191 - Towson State College

AN ACT concerning

Towson State College

FOR the purpose of changing the name of Towson State College and the State Teachers College at Towson to Towson State University, and generally relating to Towson State College.

May 15, 1975.

Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 191.

This bill changes the name of Towson State College to Towson State University. It leaves the institution under the control of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges; it does nothing to make the institution in fact a University; it merely calls it a University.

The term "university" implies an institution with organized colleges conducting doctoral programs, along with associated research capabilities. It is not the intention of the Board of Trustees to offer these programs or to effect such a reorganization at Towson. Nor would the achievement of true university status be consistent with the recommendations of the Governor's Study Commission on Structure and Governance of Education, which will likely be considered by the General Assembly next year.

Senate Bill 191, during the legislative process, became linked in many respects with Senate Bill 354, which reorganized Morgan State College as a University, and which I have signed into law. There are, however, a number of important distinctions between the two bills. Senate Bill 354 did more than make a name change; it